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8-10 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have answered this question once before. This scheme was given up and then the other scheme relating to the cess fund has been taken up. There has been no gap at all."

Payment of risk allowance to the staff of the Mental hospital.

* 809 *Q.*—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the doctors in Tuberculosis and Mental hospitals draw any risk allowance;

(*b*) if so, how much per month;

(*c*) whether nurses also draw this allowance; and

(*d*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Medical Officers working in the Tuberculosis institutions are not paid any risk allowance. But the Medical Officers attached to the Government Mental Hospitals including the Superintendent are eligible to draw a Class I Special pay, i.e., a risk allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem.

" (*c*) Nurses employed in the Tuberculosis institutions are not allowed any risk allowance, but those employed in Mental Hospitals are being paid a risk allowance.

" (*d*) The present ways and means position of the State does not admit of granting this allowance to the staff in the Tuberculosis institutions."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. the Minister, may I know what the risk is? The Minister said that the allowance is paid because of the risk involved."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is some risk in attending to mental patients in the Mental Hospital."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the nursing orderlies or ward-boys in the Mental Hospital are given any risk allowance? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The nurses are given the risk allowance."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" As the nursing orderlies are also likely to take some risk in attending to these patients, will the Government consider the question of giving them also the allowance? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not know whether there has been any such proposal."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" When doctors are paid the risk allowance why should it not be paid to nurses in the Tuberculosis Hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Doctors in the Tuberculosis Hospital are not paid any risk allowance."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of getting the lives of these persons insured so that the insurance companies concerned may pay this risk allowance when there is real necessity for it—that is, when they are subject to manhandling in the Mental Hospital or to some contagion in other hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Ordinarily a large number of people get their lives insured."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Are the lives of nurses less precious that they should be denied this risk allowance? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Nurses are given risk allowance."

Complaint against the Regional Inspector of Local Boards, Western Range.

* 810 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is not in his place . . ."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, when the first question in the name of the hon. Member was called, I did not rise to say that I had been authorized to put the question—even though I was authorized to do so—because the hon. Member Sri Palaniyandi also was authorized. I thought he would be present to put the question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member ought to have informed me beforehand that he had authorized a particular Member to put the question on his behalf. In that case, I would have myself called, the Member so authorized."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" On a point of order, Sir. Is it in order to get back to an item passed over already? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" No. I have called question No. 810. But even as regards questions passed over, I can take them up again provided there is time during the question hour. We can have them at the end."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Iyer) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the President of the Quilandy Panchayat Board complaining about the rude and autocratic behaviour of the Regional Inspector of Local Boards, Western Range, on 27th November 1953; and